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*A national coalition of consumers, government agencies
and insurers dedicated to combating all forms of
insurance fraud through public information and
advocacy.*

The Hon. Pete Lund
Chair - House Insurance Committee
Michigan House of Representatives
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: HB 5701

Dear Representative Lund:

I am writing in support of your bill, HB 5701 that would create an automobile insurance fraud prevention authority. I apologize for not being able to be present to testify at your committee's hearing on this legislation.

The Coalition Against Insurance Fraud is a national broad-based alliance of consumer groups, insurers and government organizations dedicated to combating all forms of insurance fraud through advocacy and education. The Coalition is recognized as one of the leading anti-fraud organizations in the nation working closely with legislators and regulators to strengthen state insurance fraud laws and regulations.

We have worked closely with Michigan insurers, regulators and other organizations in discussing the need for greater anti-fraud efforts for the state and expanding the existing auto theft prevention authority to include dealing with the issue of automobile insurance fraud. We are pleased that the legislature is considering this bill now.

Michigan is one of the two most populous states that do not have a specific entity to investigate or prosecute insurance fraud. Such units or fraud authorities have been successful in helping to target the crime of insurance fraud in those states. The lack of such an authority in Michigan harms the insurance consumers and adds burdens on the cost of insurance that all Michigan residents pay.

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HB 5701 if enacted will be benefit to help the state fight automobile insurance fraud and benefit every resident of Michigan. The Coalition strongly supports its passage.

Again, I apologize for not being able to be in Lansing to testify in person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Howard Goldblatt", written over a faint, larger signature.

Howard Goldblatt
Director of Government Affairs